

America's Final Space Shuttle Launch

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As of January 15th, the final launch of an American Space Shuttle from Kennedy Space Center, Florida, is scheduled for September 16th, 2010 at 11:57 AM EDT.

This launch is subject to delays due to the nature of the event. Weather, technical problems and other launch parameters may affect the announced launch. Also this launch may be delayed due to prior launches being rescheduled.

Space Shuttle Discovery

This marks the conclusion of the Space Shuttle Project. The STS-133 crew members are Commander Steven Lindsey, Pilot Eric Boe and Mission Specialists Alvin Drew, Michael Barratt, Tim Kopra and Nicole Stott.

Discovery will deliver the Express Logistics Carrier 4 and critical spare components to the International Space Station. This will be the 134th and final shuttle flight and the 36th shuttle mission to the station.

NASA is planning to transfer space shuttle Discovery to the National Air and Space Museum.

However, budgets and various funding may possibly permit additional launches. This remains an "unknown" for the future.

Call Sign

Special Event Call Sign N4S (NASA For Space) has once again been authorized by the FCC via the courtesy of the ARRL authority. It is authorized for September 16th thru 30th. If launch delays occur beyond September 30th, we may be able to extend the authorization.

If not, I'm sure you will still be able to find our activity on:

28.283, 21.283, 14.283, 7.183 and 3.883 MHz.

Note: Look plus or minus 20 kHz as we will move as a courtesy to nets.

These frequencies were selected after an in-depth analysis of other Special

Events and net operations as published in QST for January, February and March 2010.

Stations

As of this writing, we have not determined how many operators will be available to simultaneously operate on the announced frequencies above.

Certificate

Certificates **only** will commemorate your QSO. QSL cards will not be available. Send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).
Address to be provided later.

History

For America's First Space Shuttle Launch on April 12, 1981 at 7:05 AM, the Space Center Amateur Radio Society had 8,000 QSOs world-wide. Each QSO was confirmed by Certificate.

For the 25th Anniversary of America's Space Shuttle Project, 10 operating positions were functioning at courtesy of the Florida Space Authority on Cape Canaveral. This Special Event for N4S was sponsored by the North Brevard Amateur Radio Club of Mims, at: <http://www.northbrevardarc.org/>
Once again several thousand Certificates were mailed.

Additional Items

Authorization is hereby granted to distribute the above information via Amateur Radio web sites, emails and other media.

Additional updates to this information will occur as needed. Please return often.

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